HOUSE BILL 213

By Coley

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 9, Chapter 4, relative to funding priorities.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Education First Act".

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 9, Chapter 4, Part 51, is amended by adding the following new section:

Section 9-4-5117.

Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the General Appropriations Act shall first provide funding for functions of education. All other functions of state government shall be funded only after funding has been provided for education functions.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2007, the public welfare requiring it.